

Thank You And Farewell Fire Four

With the winter season, the first AmeriCorp NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) team left the City of Casa Grande early on March 3, 2011. The team of ten volunteers, also known as Fire Four, was in Casa Grande since January 10th. The group of volunteers left their legacy on CG Moun-

tain with just under 3 miles of new or renovated trails constructed. Without the assistance of the team, construction of the southern loop trails would have taken approximately 2 years of monthly volunteer trail events to complete.

The Farewell BBQ brought tears of joy to the eyes of the young ones. Some promised to return for the grand opening of the CG Mtn system!

Look out for the special Fire Four team sign, to be placed in the Southern trail loops where the team began their construction and renovation efforts.

Thank you to all the community members that welcomed team members and embraced them during their eight week stay.





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City Staff prepares for AmeriCorp Team #2

The City of Casa Grande was fortunate to be awarded two AmeriCorp NCCC teams for trail building on Casa Grande Mountain. The second team is scheduled to arrive on March 15th and after orientation, Team #2 will continue to construct the new ridge trail North from the proposed Arica Road trailhead site until reaching the proposed Northern trailhead. Completing this construction will provide a ridge trail with a complete north to south connection on Casa Grande Mountain Park property. If time permits, Team 2 may be able to make a few preparations for the proposed two-acre Peart Road trailhead. The AmeriCorp NCCC team is scheduled to continue constructing trails for non-motorized use (hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding) in Casa Grande Mountain Park until Wednesday, May 4, 2011.



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The long-term goal on Casa Grande Mountain Park includes continuation of design and construction of trails complete with a variety of choices including long or short loop trails, easy to challenging experiences, short and long range views and views of the city and of the desert.

The Casa Grande Mountain Park Trail System promises to be a spectacular local and regional attraction for trail enthusiasts, wildlife watchers and those looking for a natural respite from the City's growing urban environment.

The volunteer efforts for the trail build events continue at full steam! Both January and February events hosted over 85 volunteers and each built the longest sections to date, 1,425 feet each. At last count we have just over 7,000 feet to reach the proposed Northern trailhead. The final ridge trail will provide an almost four mile hike (one-way) from North to South (or vice versa) that provides scenic views of the city, farmland and beautiful desert.

Lunch was sponsored in January by Mayor Bob Jackson and Members of the Casa Grande City Council while the February build was provided by the City of Casa Grande Youth Commis-

sion. Check out the action shots at www.cgmountaintrails.org under the photos tab.





Are you signed up for the final Spring 2011 trail events?

Visit www.cgmountaintrails.org to register!

April 9 and April 30

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